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SUBJECT: RUMORED SOUTH CORRIDOR TRAFFIC REDUCTION

REF: A. USBERLIN 1720 DTG 1909302 AUG 76

B. LIVE OAK 76/0684 DTG 1909352 AUG 76 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THROUGH TRANSPORT
MINISTRY THAT PROPOSAL TO REDUCE SOUTH CORRIDOR AIR
TRAFFIC DURING COLD FIRE EXERCISE (SEPTEMBER 6 - 10)
ORIGINATED WITH FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR AIR AND NAVI-
GATION SERVICES (BFS). FOREIGN OFFICE CONFIRMED TO
EMBASSY OFFICER AT 11:00 A.M. AUGUST 19 THAT TRANSPORT
MINISTRY HAD DELETED TWO SENTENCES FROM DRAFT NOTICE

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TO AIRMEN (NOTAM), PROPOSED BY BFS, WHICH WOULD HAVE

ANNOUNCED CLOSING OF SOUTH CORRIDOR FOR REASONS OF SAFETY IN CONNECTION WITH EAST-BOUND TAKEOFFS FROM FRANKFURT AIRPORT.

2. FOREIGN OFFICE (DR. JIRKA) AGREED THAT PROPOSED AIR CORRIDOR CLOSING WOULD HAVE SET BAD PRECEDENT. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT IF IT SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY BFS WILL ORALLY AND INFORMALLY ADVISE PAN AM AND BA TO AVOID USE OF SOUTH CORRIDOR DURING COLD FIRE EXERCISE, BUT WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, ISSUE ANY OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING CLOSING OF CORRIDOR. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO SEE THAT BFS TAKES NO FURTHER ACTION WITHOUT CONSULTATION.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF BFS JURISDICTION WITH FOREIGN OFFICE, BUT INTENDS TO DO SO AT NEXT MEETING OF THREE CAA'S.

4. SINCE NO INSTRUCTIONS CLOSING SOUTH CORRIDOR HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE ISSUED, EMBASSY CONSIDERS MATTER OFFICIALLY CLOSED, BUT WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER EXPLANATIONS OR BACKGROUND INFORMATION WHEN AND IF OBTAINED.
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